

1 H BILL NO. 393  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION  
 5 31-135, R.C.M. 1947, TO PROVIDE FOR THE VOLUNTARY INCLUSION  
 6 OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION ON A DRIVER'S LICENSE."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

9 Section 1. Section 31-135, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to  
 10 read as follows:

11 "31-135. Licenses issued to operators and chauffeurs  
 12 -- renewals and expiration thereof. ~~(c)~~(1) The highway  
 13 patrol board shall have authority to appoint county  
 14 treasurers and other qualified officers to act as its agent  
 15 or agents for the sale of drivers' licenses, and shall make  
 16 necessary rules and regulations governing such sales. The  
 17 board, upon payment of the fees specified in this act, (of  
 18 which sum five per cent (5%) shall be retained by the county  
 19 treasurers for use of the county general fund) shall issue  
 20 to every applicant qualifying therefor, an operator's or  
 21 chauffeur's license as applied for, and such licenses shall  
 22 contain a photograph of such licensee in such size and form  
 23 as may be prescribed by the highway patrol board, a  
 24 distinguishing number issued to the licensee, the full name,  
 25 date of birth, resident address, and a brief description of

1 the licensee and either a facsimile of the signature of the  
 2 licensee or a space upon which he shall write his signature  
 3 in pen and ink, immediately upon receipt of the license. No  
 4 license shall be valid until it has been so signed by the  
 5 licensee.

6 (2) Space shall be provided on the license, which may  
 7 be on the back thereof, for the following emergency medical  
 8 information, which may be voluntarily provided for inclusion  
 9 by the applicant:

- 10 (a) blood type;
- 11 (b) allergies;
- 12 (c) special medical conditions; and
- 13 (d) family doctor's name, address, and phone number.

14 ~~(b)~~(3) The board shall, when any person applies for  
 15 renewal of an operator's or chauffeur's license, test the  
 16 applicant's eyesight, and may also, in the board's  
 17 discretion, have such applicant demonstrate his physical  
 18 ability to operate and to exercise ordinary and reasonable  
 19 care in the operation of a motor vehicle. A person shall be  
 20 deemed to have applied for renewal of a Montana operator's  
 21 or chauffeur's license if such application is made within  
 22 three (3) months of the expiration of such license.

23 ~~(c)~~(4) Licenses issued shall expire on the anniversary  
 24 of the date of birth of the licensee four (4) years or less  
 25 after the date of issue. Notwithstanding the foregoing

1 provisions, the highway patrol board shall stagger initial  
2 license terms for the purpose of equalizing annual issuance  
3 of licenses and shall collect license fees proportionate to  
4 the term of such licenses.

5 ~~(d)~~(5) Whenever the board issues an original license  
6 to a person under the age of eighteen (18) years, such  
7 license shall be designated and clearly marked as a  
8 "provisional license." Any license so designated and marked  
9 may be suspended by the board for a period of not more than  
10 twelve (12) months, when its record discloses that the  
11 licensee, subsequent to the issuance of such license, has  
12 been guilty of careless or negligent driving. Upon renewal  
13 as applicable to operator's licenses, the board may for any  
14 reasonable cause, as shown by its records, designate the  
15 renewal of the license as provisional, otherwise, a license  
16 in usual form shall be issued subject to other provisions of  
17 the laws of Montana.

18 ~~(e)~~(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to have in  
19 his possession or under his control, more than one (1)  
20 Montana operator's or chauffeur's license at any one time.  
21 Licenses issued after passage of this act shall not be valid  
22 for the operation of a motorcycle until the holder thereof  
23 has completed the requirements of section 31-134 and the  
24 license has been clearly marked with the words "motorcycle  
25 endorsement".

1 ~~(f)~~(7) Driver license fees. Fees for driver license  
2 shall be as follows:

3 ~~1~~(a) Driver's license--two dollars (\$2) per year or  
4 fraction thereof.

5 ~~2~~(b) Motorcycle endorsement--fifty cents (.50) per  
6 year or fraction thereof."

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 221-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 26, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 393 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act amending Section 31-135, R.C.M. 1947, to provide for the voluntary inclusion of emergency medical information on a driver's license.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. At present, there are over 200,000 driver's licenses.
2. It will require an additional 6.00 FTE to process forms and applications.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>
Expenditures		
Personal services	\$43,668	\$48,202
Operating expenses	6,150	6,290
Equipment	<u>4,300</u>	<u>0</u>
Total additional expenditures due to proposed legislation	<u>\$54,118</u>	<u>\$54,492</u>

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